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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *RVS*
SUBJECT : Proposed Organizational Change in
the Office of Strategic Research

1. The experience of a year suggests to me that we need to undertake some adjustments in the research component of OSR concerned with Soviet military expenditures, cost analysis, and strategic evaluations. I refer to the Programs Analysis Division, the one you visited with for an hour a couple months ago.

2. The changes I propose involve the transfer of a branch from the Strategic Forces Division to the Programs Analysis Division, the renaming of that branch in line with a redirection of its effort, and some minor adjustments of branch names and of personnel positions and duties between the existing branches of the Programs Analysis Division. None of the changes proposed require either new positions beyond those now programmed for OSR in FY 1969 or additional office space.

3. The proposed changes in brief are:

a. Transfer the Space Systems Branch from the Strategic Forces Division to the Programs Analysis Division and rename it the Technical Resources Branch; increase it two professional positions, from 5 to 7.

b. Change the name of the Strategy and Trends Branch to the Strategic Evaluation Branch; increase it one professional position from 7 to 8.

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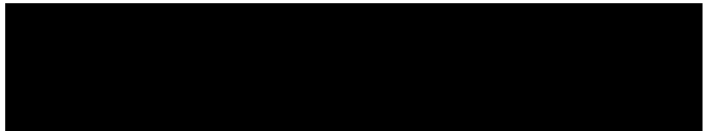
c. Change the name of the Military Expenditures Branch to the Military-Economic Planning Branch; decrease the number of professionals by three, from 11 to 8.

4. The rationale underlying the proposed changes is given in detail in the attached statements. The objective of the reorganization is to realign some aspects of the Programs Analysis Division to accord with changes in the order of priorities that I believe should apply now and over the next several years. Some matters have received a disproportionate amount of attention and resources and others, potentially more important, have received little. In addition, I hope to increase efficiency in supervision within the Division, and to achieve a more integrative approach to the Soviet strategic evaluation problem.

5. Although not directly involved in the proposed changes, a major objective being served by them is the development of an improved approach to planning and coordinating the military costing efforts within OSR to make sure that, in this field, we continue fully to meet the responsibilities of CIA to the intelligence community.

6. If you approve, I propose to implement the changes identified in this memorandum as of 1 July 1968.

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APPROVED: 

Deputy Director for Intelligence

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